

PROJECT SUMMARY

SNC Reference Number
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080063

County: Butte

Applicant: Butte County Fire Safe Council

Project Title: Applying Lessons Learned - Watershed Fire Stewardship Education Project

PROJECT GOALS

1. Present the experiences of past wildfires with a stewardship vision for land management that will create fire resilient watersheds and reduce the impact of wildfire on residents and communities.
2. Motivate residents to take fire safe action in their communities and around their homes to reduce damage to the watershed through an interactive membership program.
3. Write a book based on local fire knowledge gathered from residents and agencies who have experienced devastating wildfires in Butte County.
4. Utilize the expertise, talent, technical support and knowledge from Butte County Fire Safe Council's (BCFSC) seventeen member Board to generate a sustainable income source for the BCFSC and the nine local fire safe councils in Butte County.

PROJECT SCOPE

Funding from SNC will support the creation of three types of education materials: a non-fiction book "Our Summer of Fire", monthly watershed fire stewardship electronic bulletins and quarterly paper newsletters. These materials will be distributed through out Butte County and the Sierra Nevada. The goal of these education materials is to provide residents and agencies a way to share their lessons learned and applied so that when future wildfire events occur they will not devastate our watersheds.

There are captivating and critical stories which paint vivid pictures of what it like to live with wildfire and its impacts on the forest, foothills and valleys we call home. Ultimately, this is our opportunity to create a new vision for the future in which watersheds will be resilient to wildfire. No other education material like "Our Summer of Fire" is known to exist. This project is part of BCFSC's education campaign which includes a web page and public outreach.

Project partners will include California State University Department of Geography and BCFSC's seventeen Board members who represent multiple local, state and federal agencies as well as community members. The partners roll will be to provide input and guidance to the stories in the book based on their wildfire experiences. The book "Our Summer of Fire" will be written under the direction of the retired fire chief of the Town of Paradise and Board members of the BCFSC. The Executive Director of the BCFSC will assist in the coordination of the education materials.

The outcome of SNC funding will be three types of education materials: a non-fiction book "Our Summer of Fire", monthly watershed fire stewardship electronic bulletins and quarterly paper newsletters. These materials will be made available to local youth and community members through high schools, public libraries and churches. This project fits BCFSC's goal of creating sustainable income sources to support its mission of fire safety education and hazard mitigation. Matching funds in the amount of \$45,400.00 will be provided to the project from a combination of Butte County Title III Secure Rural Schools Self Determination Act Funds (\$40,000) and In-Kind volunteer time (\$5,400.00).

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

1. California State University Chico, Department of Geography and Planning.

SNC PROJECT DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
"Our Summer of Fire" Interviews and draft manuscript complete- Begin working with publisher	July 2009
12 Monthly Watershed Fire Stewardship Electronic Bulletins	March 2009- March 2010
4 Quarterly Newsletters	April/July/October 2009 and January 2010
Six Month Progress Report	August 2009
Publish "Our Summer of Fire"	February 2010
Six Month Progress Report	February 2010
Distribute "Our Summer of Fire" to schools, libraries and churches, senior citizen centers and fire safe councils.	April 2010
Final Report	May 2010

SNC PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Publish "Our Summer of Fire" book - Project Coordinator, February 2009- April 2010	\$15,000.00
12 Watershed Fire Stewardship Electronic Bulletins – Creation, Distribution and Project Coordinator, March 2009- March 2010	\$4,000.00
4 Quarterly Newsletters- Creation, Printing Costs, Distribution and Project Coordinator, March 2009- March 2010	\$13,000.00
Office Supplies, February 2009-April 2010 (such as paper, ink, printer, copy machine lease, interview recorder)	\$ 800.00
Travel for interviews and meetings, February 2009-April 2010	\$1,200.00
Tracking performance measures, February 2009-March 2010	\$1,000.00
Bookkeeping, February 2009-April 2010	\$1,000.00
Administrative Costs, February 2009-April 2010	\$3,900.00
SNC GRANT TOTAL	\$39,900.00